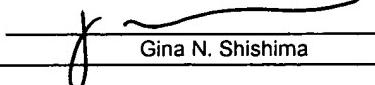




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In re Application of:
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Serial No.: 09/828,498

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PRIMARY CD4 POSITIVE T CELLS
AND METHODS OF TREATING HIV

Group Art Unit: 1648

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants request an extension of time of one month to and including June 14, 2004 in which to file their response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2004.

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